



Kentucky Derby Update

Monday, April 19, 2021

MIDNIGHT BOURBON DRILLS FIVE FURLONGS IN :59.80; HIGHLY MOTIVATED ARRIVES FROM KEENELAND

LOUISVILLE, KY (Monday, April 19, 2021) – On a brisk Monday morning in Louisville, **Winchell Thoroughbreds'** multiple graded stakes-placed colt **Midnight Bourbon** continued his serious preparation for the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) with a swift five furlong move in :59.80, the fastest of 13 horses at the distance.

Trained by Hall of Famer **Steve Asmussen**, Midnight Bourbon worked in company with recent Turfway Park maiden winner **Bajan Rum** through fractions of :12.40, :24, :35.60. The TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.80 and completed seven furlongs in 1:26, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

Tuesday will be the first day on the track for Blue Grass (GII) runner-up **Highly Motivated**, who arrived at trainer Chad Brown's Barn 25 at 8 a.m. (all times Eastern) from Keeneland. Brown is scheduled to be at Churchill Downs Tuesday.

BOURBONIC, DYNAMIC ONE, KNOWN AGENDA, SAINTHOOD – Two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer **Todd Pletcher** sent his four hopefuls for the Run for the Roses out for 1 3/8-mile gallops Monday morning.

Pletcher utilized the 7:30-7:45 training window for Derby and Kentucky Oaks candidates to send out **St. Elias Stable's Known Agenda** with **Hector Ramos** aboard, **Repole Stable, Phipps Stable** and **St. Elias Stable's Dynamic One** with **Carlos Perez Quevedo** aboard and **WinStar Farm** and **CHC Inc.'s Sainthood** with **Amelia Green** aboard.

Calumet Farm's **Bourbonic** galloped after 9 o'clock with Ramos aboard.

Pletcher said Monday morning that no rider has been confirmed for Sainthood, who comes into Derby 147 off a runner-up finish in the Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) at Turfway Park March 27.

CADDO RIVER, ESSENTIAL QUALITY, MANDALOUN – **Godolphin's** Kentucky Derby favorite **Essential Quality** and **Juddmonte Farm's Mandaloun** jogged at 6:20 a.m. Monday at Churchill Downs for trainer **Brad Cox** while stablemate **Caddo River** galloped at 5:15 a.m.

"(Essential Quality and Mandaloun) both came out of their Saturday works in good shape," trainer **Brad Cox** said. "We're gearing up. It's getting exciting around the barn and we're ready for the Derby."

Shortleaf Stable's Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up **Caddo River** plans to run in the Kentucky Derby remain tentative.

HELIUM, SOUP AND SANDWICH – **D J Stable's** Tampa Bay Derby (GII) winner **Helium** along with **Live Oak Plantation's** Florida Derby (GI) **Soup and Sandwich** had a scheduled walk day at trainer **Mark Casse's** Barn 36 at Churchill Downs.

"We had an easy day around the barn today," Casse's assistant **David Carroll** said.

Both horses are scheduled to work this weekend.

HIGHLY MOTIVATED – **Klaravich Stables'** homebred **Highly Motivated**, runner-up in the Blue Grass Stakes (GII) in his most recent start April 3, arrived at Churchill Downs at 8 o'clock Monday morning from Keeneland.

The **Chad Brown** trainee had worked a half-mile in :47.20 Sunday morning that was the best of 27 at the distance.

KEEPMEINMIND – **Spendthrift Farm, Cypress Creek** and **Arnold Bennewith's Keepmeinmind** jogged two miles early Monday morning under exercise rider **Enrique Benitez** for trainer **Robertino Diodoro**.

Winner of the Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) here last fall, **Keepmeinmind** had worked five furlongs in 1:00.60 under Benitez at Keeneland on Saturday and arrived at Churchill Downs on Sunday.

He currently sits No. 22 on the Road to the Kentucky Derby leaderboard.

KING FURY – **Fern Circle Stables** and **Three Chimneys Farm's King Fury** galloped 1 1/2 miles at 5:30 under exercise rider **Danny Ramsey** for trainer **Kenny McPeck**.

He needs one defection to make the field of 20 for the first Saturday in May.

MIDNIGHT BOURBON, SUPER STOCK – **Winchell Thoroughbreds'** multiple graded stakes placed-colt **Midnight Bourbon** worked five furlongs in :59.80 in company with stablemate **Bajan Rum** (five furlongs, 1:00.80).

"We're obviously very excited about who Midnight Bourbon is," Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen** said. "Physically, he's an absolutely beautiful horse. Going over the track now, he's as good as he's ever been. He's always had a big frame, now there's just more of him in the right spots."

Erv Woolsey and **Keith Asmussen's** upset Arkansas Derby (GI) hero **Super Stock** had a scheduled walk day.

O BESOS – **Barrett Bernard, Tagg Team Racing** and **West Point Thoroughbreds'** Louisiana Derby (GII) third-place finisher **O Besos** jogged about one mile under **Margarito Fierro** at 6:30 a.m. Monday at Churchill Downs.

O Besos is scheduled to work Wednesday.

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STARRININMYDREAMS – Stewart Racing and WinStar Farm's third-place Lexington Stakes (GIII) finisher **Starrininmydreams** galloped about 1 ½ miles at 6:30 a.m. under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez**.

Starrininmydreams sits No. 23 on the Road to the Kentucky Derby leaderboard.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 147th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 1 in order of preference (with possible jockey and trainer): **Essential Quality** (Luis Saez, Brad Cox); **Hot Rod Charlie** (Flavien Prat, Doug O'Neill); **Super Stock** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Like the King** (Drayden Van Dyke, Wesley Ward); **Known Agenda** (Irad Ortiz, Todd Pletcher); **Rock Your World** (Joel Rosario, John Sadler); **Bourbonic** (Kendrick Carmouche, Todd Pletcher); **Medina Spirit** (John Velazquez, Bob Baffert); **Midnight Bourbon** (Mike Smith, Steve Asmussen); **Mandaloun** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox); **Highly Motivated** (Javier Castellano, Chad Brown); **Helium** (Julien Leparoux, Mark Casse); **Soup and Sandwich** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mark Casse); **Dynamic One** (Jose Ortiz, Todd Pletcher); **Sainthood** (TBA, Todd Pletcher); **Hidden Stash** (Rafael Bejarano, Vicki Oliver); **O Besos** (Marcelino Pedroza, Greg Foley); **Get Her Number** (TBA, Peter Miller);

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Caddo River** (TBA, Brad Cox); **Dream Shake** (TBA, Peter Eurtan)

Next up in order of preference: **King Fury** (Brian Hernandez Jr.); **Keepmeinmind** (David Cohen, Robertino Diodoro); **Starrininmydreams** (TBA, Dallas Stewart).

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE – Undefeated filly **Soothsay** was removed from consideration from the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) Monday morning, according to trainer **Richard Mandella**.

The cutoff for the field of 14 for the Oaks is Kueber Racing's three-time winner Coach.

AVA'S GRACE – Cypress Creek Equine's **Ava's Grace** jogged two miles early Monday morning under **Walter Davila** for trainer **Robertino Diodoro**. Monday's activity was her first on track since working a half-mile here Saturday morning in :48.60.

CLAIRIERE, PAULINE'S PEARL – Stonestreet Stable's **Clairiere** and **Pauline's Pearl** had scheduled walk days at Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen's** Barn 38 at Churchill Downs following their Sunday morning works. Both fillies are expected to train Tuesday.

COMPETITIVE SPEED – John Minchello's **Competitive Speed** galloped a little more than a mile after 9 o'clock with **Juan Vargas** aboard for trainer **Javier Gonzalez**.

Gonzalez, who is making his first trip to Churchill Downs, said **Competitive Speed** arrived Sunday morning from Gulfstream Park where he has 10 horses stabled. No rider has been confirmed for **Competitive Speed** who is scheduled to work Friday.

CRAZY BEAUTIFUL – Phoenix Thoroughbred LTD's **Crazy Beautiful** galloped 1 ½ miles under **Danny Ramsey** for trainer **Kenny McPeck** during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks hopefuls.

MALATHAAT – Shadwell Stable's undefeated **Malathaath** galloped 1 3/8 miles early Monday morning with **Amelia Green** aboard the Ashland (GI) winner for trainer **Todd Pletcher**.

MILLEFEUILLE – Juddmonte Farms' **Millefeuille** arrived from Payson Park Training Center in South Florida Sunday night and was on the track Monday morning at 7:30 to gallop a mile under exercise rider **Ailsa Morrison** for trainer **Bill Mott**.

SEARCH RESULTS – Klaravich Stables' undefeated **Search Results** is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Monday afternoon on a flight from New York for trainer **Chad Brown**.

WILL'S SECRET – Willis Horton's Honeybee (GIII) winner **Will's Secret** galloped about 1 3/8 miles Monday at Churchill Downs under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez**.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 147th running of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, April 30 in order of preference (with possible jockey and trainer): **Search Results** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Chad Brown); **Travel Column** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox); **Crazy Beautiful** (Jose Ortiz, Kenny McPeck); **Pauline's Pearl** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Malathaath** (John Velazquez, Todd Pletcher); **Clairiere** (Tyler Gaffalione, Steve Asmussen); **Will's Secret** (Jon Court, Dallas Stewart); **Millefeuille** (Joel Rosario, Bill Mott); **Moraz** (Umberto Rispoli, Michael McCarthy); **Ava's Grace** (TBA, Robertino Diodoro); **Pass the Champagne** (Javier Castellano, George Weaver); **Maracuja** (Kendrick Carmouche, Rob Atras); **Competitive Speed** (TBA, Javier Gonzalez); Coach (Luis Saez).

Next up in order of preference: **Moon Swag** (TBA, Brendan Walsh); **Army Wife** (TBA, Mike Maker); **Spritz** (Chris Landeros, Rodolphe Brisset); **Olivioofthedesert** (TBA, Kenny McPeck).

STAKES PROBABLES – The following are the early probable stakes race entrants for Kentucky Derby Week, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

The 6th running of the \$125,000 William Walker (Listed), run on Saturday, April 24 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Wednesday, April 21: **Bodenheimer** (trainer Valorie Lund); **Cees Get Degrees** (Michelle Lovell); **Charles Chrome** (Reeve McGaughey); **Field Day** (Brad Cox); **Gagetown** (Brad Cox); **The Wolfman** (Phil Schoenthal). Possible: **Unitedandresolute** (Tom Amoss)

The 3rd running of the \$120,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, run Tuesday, April 27 at 1 ½ miles, entries close Thursday, April 22: **Dack Janiel's** (Jack Sisterson); **Plus Que Parfait** (Brendan Walsh); **Ry's the Guy** (Ian Wilkes); **Strong Tide** (Mike Lauer); **You're To Blame** (Ron Moquett).

The 27th running of the \$125,000 Kentucky Juvenile, run Wednesday, April 28 at five furlongs, entries close Friday, April 23: **Bohemian Frost** (John Ennis); **Saucy Lady T** (James Chapman); **Shesgotattitude** (Ennis).

The 16th running of the \$120,000 Opening Verse Overnight Stakes, run Wednesday, April 28 at one mile on turf, entries close Friday, April 23: **Captivating Moon** (Chris Block); **Epic Dreamer** (Mark Casse); **Sayyaaf** (Mike Maker); **Set Piece** (Brad Cox); **Spectacular Gem** (Jimmy Baker).

The 11th running of the \$150,000 Unbridled Sidney, run on Thursday, April 29 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Saturday, April 24: **A Bit of Both** (Mike Maker); **Ambassador Luna** (James Gulick); **Change of Control** (Michelle Lovell); **Foxy Belle** (Michael Ann Ewing); **Into Mystic** (Brendan Walsh); **Lady Grace** (Mark Casse); **She'sonthewarpath** (Steve Margolis); **Wining Envelope** (Chris Block); **Yes It's Ginger** (Greg Foley).

The 27th running of the \$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (Grade II), run Friday, April 30 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Monday, April 26: **American Butterfly** (D. Wayne Lukas); **Carotari** (Brian Lynch); **Classy John** (Dallas Stewart); **Diamond Oops** (Patrick Biancone); **Firecrow** (Ron Moquett); **Just Might** (Michelle Lovell); **Sombeyay** (Peter Miller).

The 37th Running of the \$300,000 Edgewood presented by Newport Racing & Gaming (Grade II), run on Friday, April 30 at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries close Monday, April 26: **Aunt Pearl (IRE)** (Brad Cox); **I Get It** (Mark Casse); **Oliviaofthedesert** (Kenny McPeck); **Postnup** (Cherie DeVaux); **Queen of the Green** (Jason Barkley). Possible **Jouster** (Todd Pletcher), **Zaajel** (Pletcher).

The 66th running of the \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by Smithfield (Grade II), run on Friday April 30 at seven furlongs,

entries close Monday, April 26: **Abrogate** (Steve Asmussen); **Dayoutoftheoffice** (Tim Hamm); **Euphoric** (Bernie Flint); **Slumber Party** (Kelly Breen); **Sun Path** (Brad Cox); **Windmill** (Larry Jones). Possible: **Joyful Cadence** (John Ortiz).

The 18th running of the \$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (Grade II), run on Friday, April 30 at 1 1/16 miles, entries close Monday, April 26: **Attachment Rate** (Dale Romans); **Chess Chief** (Dallas Stewart); **Maxfield** (Brendan Walsh); **Roadster** (Bob Baffert); **Sonneman** (Steve Asmussen); **Visitant** (Bill Morey).

The 36th running of the \$500,000 La Troienne presented by TwinSpires.com (Grade I), run on Friday, April 30 at 1 1/16 miles, entries close Monday, April 26: **As Time Goes By** (Bob Baffert); **Dunbar Road** (Chad Brown); **Envoutante** (Kenny McPeck); **Paris Lights** (Bill Mott); **Sanenus (CHI)** (Michael McCarthy); **Shedaresthedevel** (Brad Cox). Possible: **Finite** (Steve Asmussen).

The 30th running of the \$500,000 American Turf presented by Derby City Gaming (Grade II), run on Saturday, May 1 at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Fire At Will** (Mike Maker); **Holy Vow** (John Ortiz); **Lucky Law** (Patrick Biancone); **Palazzi** (Mark Casse); **Winfromwithin** (Todd Pletcher).

The 97th running of the \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU, run on Saturday, May 1 at one mile, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Excellent Timing** (Chad Brown); **Gretzky the Great** (Mark Casse); **Jackie's Warrior** (Steve Asmussen); **Prevalence** (Brendan Walsh); **Whiskey Double** (Steve Asmussen). Possible: **Dream Shake** (Peter Eurton); **Dreamer's Disease** (Robertino Diodoro).

The 36th running of the \$500,000 Longines Distaff Turf Mile (Grade II), run on Saturday, May 1 at one mile on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Abscond** (Eddie Kenneally); **Blowout** (Chad Brown); **Got Stormy** (Mark Casse); **Princess Grace** (Mike Stidham).

The 35th running of the \$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at seven furlongs, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Bell's the One** (Neil Pessin); **Gamine** (Bob Baffert), **Sconsin** (Greg Foley). Possible: **Finite** (Steve Asmussen); **Hibiscus Punch** (Justin Nixon); **Unique Factor** (Peter Miller).

The 86th running of the \$500,000 Churchill Downs presented by Ford (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at seven furlongs, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Charlatan** (Bob Baffert); **Hog Creek Hustle** (Vickie Foley); **Lexitonian** (Jack Sisterson); **Tap It To Win** (Mark Casse). Possible: **Bango** (Greg Foley); **Shashashakemeup** (Peter Miller).

The 35th running of the \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at 1 1/8 miles on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Arklow** (Brad Cox); **Colonel Liam** (Todd Pletcher); **Digital Age** (Chad Brown); **Ivar (BRZ)** (Paolo Lobo); **Masteroffoxhounds** (Richard Baltas); **Ride a Comet** (Mark Casse); **Smooth Like Strait** (Michael McCarthy). Possible: **Flavius** (Chad Brown), **Spooky Channel** (Brian Lynch).

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